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A LEVEL OF ACCEPTABILITY OF AN EVENT OCCURING

Mail Stop Amendment

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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2006 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on November 4, 2006. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for 3-month Extension with the required fees, to extend the period of reply to February 4, 2006. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings: Please <u>replace</u> the previously filed drawing Figures 1-11 with the clean version of the amended drawing Figures 1-11 attached hereto in an appendix following the last page of this paper.

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